Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, The Congress and President of the United States have designated May 15, 2009, as Peace Officers' Memorial Day, and May 10-16, 2009, as National Police Week; and,

Whereas, It is important that we honor law enforcement officers, past and present, who, by their faithful and loyal devotion to their responsibilities, have rendered a dedicated service to their South Dakota communities and, in so doing, have established for themselves an enviable and enduring reputation for preserving the rights and security of all citizens; and,

Whereas, It is important that all citizens know and understand the duties, responsibilities, hazards, and sacrifices of their law enforcement officers; and,

Whereas, The men and women of all law enforcement agencies across the state of South Dakota unceasingly provide a vital public service; and,

Whereas, We recognize members of our law enforcement agencies for their service to South Dakota by safeguarding life and property, by protecting the people against violence and disorder, and by protecting the innocent against deception and the weak against oppression; and,

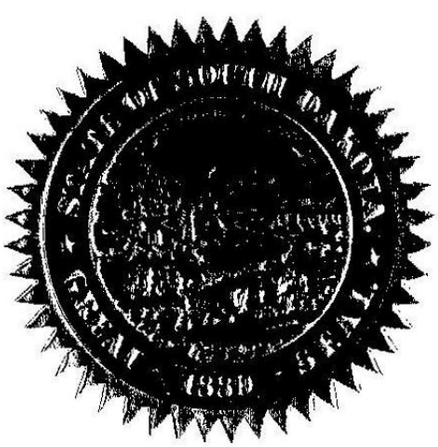
Whereas, It is important to recognize and honor the law enforcement officers who, through their courageous deeds, have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to their community and the state of South Dakota or have become disabled in the line of duty; and,

Whereas, We honor 54 fallen law enforcement officers who have given their lives in the line of duty so South Dakotans may maintain their rights and freedoms:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 13, 2009, as

PEACE OFFICERS' MEMORIAL DAY

in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this First Day of May in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Nine.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State